

# District 25 News

MAKIKI, TANTALUS, MCCULLY, PAPAOLEA

MAY 2010

## The Shortlist

**NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 10  
MONTHLY MEETING  
THURSDAYS, JUNE 17, JULY 15 & AUG. 19  
@ 7:00 - 8:00 pm**

**Makiki District Park, Arts & Crafts Bldg**

Participate in one of our most basic forms of local government and best opportunities for community involvement. Your local Neighborhood Board No. 10 (Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus) is one of 32 other local boards that meet every month to discuss neighborhood concerns and advise state and city government agencies and elected officials. Join the community each month to share your ideas and hear what is going on in our neighborhood.

**DISASTER PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP  
MONDAY, JUNE 21 @ 6:00 - 7:30 pm  
Stevenson Middle School Cafeteria**

Join Representative Belatti, other area legislators, and representatives from the State Civil Defense and the State Department of Health to learn important tips and information about preparing your families for natural disasters and pandemics. For more information or to RSVP, contact Representative Belatti's office at 586-9425 or at [repbelatti@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repbelatti@capitol.hawaii.gov).

**MAKIKI DOG PARK MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 21 @ 6:30 - 8:00 pm  
Makiki District Park, Arts & Crafts Bldg.**

Advocates for a Makiki Community Dog Park meet monthly to discuss efforts for a dog park at Makiki District Park. For more information, contact Terry Conlan at 561-5171 or at [terryconlan@aol.com](mailto:terryconlan@aol.com).

**FMCL SUMMER GAME NIGHTS  
WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 23, JULY 21, AUG. 18  
Makiki Community Library  
@ 5:30 - 7:00 pm**

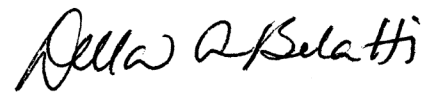
Friends of Makiki Community Library are bringing back last year's popular Summer Game Nights. Bring your keiki to this family-friendly event to play Scrabble, Monopoly, card games, and all sorts of other games. This is a great chance to get to know your neighbors in Makiki and check out the newly refurbished Library. For more information, call the Library at 522-7076.

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

The 2010 Legislative session came to a dramatic end with a vote taken to pass House Bill 444, Senate Draft 1 that would enact civil unions in the State of Hawaii. But this does not mark the end for House Bill 444 and about 100 other bills now awaiting the Governor's signature, veto, or passage without signature.

This month's newsletter highlights some of the approximately 100 bills that have not yet been enacted into law. If you would like to weigh in on any of these or other bills, comments may be sent to the Governor's office via email at [gov.policy@hawaii.gov](mailto:gov.policy@hawaii.gov) or [governor.lingle@hawaii.gov](mailto:governor.lingle@hawaii.gov), via fax at (808) 586-0006, or via mail to Office of the Governor, Hawaii State Capitol, Executive Chambers; Honolulu, HI 96813. On whether I should support or oppose a veto by the Governor, please feel free to contact my office at 586-9425 or at [repbelatti@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repbelatti@capitol.hawaii.gov).

With aloha,



Della Au Belatti  
State Representative, District 25



State Capitol, (March 15, 2010)—L-R—Representative Della Au Belatti celebrates accomplishments of Youth Speaks Hawaii with 2008 and 2009 national championship team members Jill Fukumoto, Harrison Innes, Alaka'i Kotrys, Jocelyn Ng, and Jamaica Osorio. Bringing together youth from public and private schools, Youth Speaks Hawaii's mission is to "empower the next generation of leaders, self-defined artists, and visionary activists through written and oral literacy."

# Prospects for final passage of 2010 legislation

By DELLA AU BELATTI

Upon adjournment sine die of the Legislative Session on April 29, 2010, the Legislature passed 250 bills for Governor Linda Lingle to review for enactment. As of May 27, 2010, the Governor has considered and signed 146 bills into law. To see a list of these newly enacted laws, you can visit <http://hawaii.gov/governor/leg/2010-legislative-session/session-2010-bills/new-laws-enacted-in-2010-legislative-session.html>

For the remaining 104 bills, the Governor has three options: She can sign these into law, veto the bills (with 10 days' written notice to the Legislature of her intent to veto), or choose not to sign the bills and thus automatically allow the bills to become law without her signature.

Based on the timing requirements set forth in the Hawaii State Constitution, the Governor must send notification of her intent to veto by **Monday, June 21, 2010** and the Legislature may reconvene on **Tuesday, July 6, 2010** to override

any of the Governor's vetoes. To successfully override a veto, a two-thirds majority vote is required in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Citizens can continue to weigh in on the legislative process by contacting the Governor as she makes her final decisions on whether to sign, veto, or allow into passage without her signature the remaining bills. While I believe the majority of the bills should be enacted, Makiki residents may be interested in the following bills that have been the source of much spirited debate and discourse:

- **House Bill 444:** Recognizes and establishes the status of civil unions in the State of Hawaii by extending the same state rights, benefits, protections and responsibilities of spouses in a marriage to non-related partners in a civil union.
- **House Bill 2376:** Places the question of whether the Hawaii State Constitution should be amended such that the Board of Education be changed to a board appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, as provided by law. The Board of Education is currently an elected board.
- **House Bill 2486:** Increases the number of instructional hours and establishes a minimum of 180 school days for Hawaii's public

schools (excluding charter schools) for the school years 2011-2015. Requires the Department of Education, in conjunction with the Board of Education and the Governor, and in consultation with representatives of affected public unions, to come up with a plan to implement a school year of 190 school days and specific minimum instructional hours for elementary and secondary school grades at Hawaii's public schools (excluding charter schools).

- **Senate Bill 1059:** Allows counties to enact ordinances regulating fireworks that are more stringent than state laws regulating fireworks. Establishes an illegal fireworks task force to stop the importation of illegal fireworks and explosives.

*These bills and all measures from the 2010 Legislative Session may be followed via the State Capitol website at [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov). Go to Quick Find at the bottom right hand corner and type in the bill number (e.g. SB1059) to pull up the bill's current status, history, text, and testimony.*

